

## CLAIMS:

1. A depilating apparatus (1)

with a housing (2), which housing (2) is designed to accommodate a supply (10) of a depilating tape (11), which depilating tape (11) can be pulled away from the supply (10) and can then be applied to the skin of a person, and which depilating tape (11), after

5 application to the skin of a person, adheres to the skin along an application length (L), and with application means (40) for applying the depilating tape (11) to the skin of a person, and

with an opening (9) in the housing (2), which opening (9) is provided and designed for passing the depilating tape (11) through to the skin of a person, and

10 with determination means (45) for determining the application length (L) along which the depilating tape (11) adheres to the skin of a person,

wherein the determination means (45) are designed to determine different application lengths (L) as desired.

15 2. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the determination means (45) are equipped with a hand-operated control button (46) and with a blocking means (47) which interacts with the control button (46) on the one hand and with the supply (10) on the other, which control button (46) can be moved between a first position and a second position, and

20 wherein, with the control button (46) in its first position, the blocking means (47) assumes a release position that enables a pulling away of depilating tape (11) from the supply (10), and

wherein, with the control button (46) in its second position, the blocking means (47) assumes a blocking position blocking any pulling away of depilating tape (11) from the supply (10).

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3. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the application means (40) comprise an application roller (40) which is arranged in the area of the opening (9) of the housing (2).

4. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 3,  
wherein a cutting device (43) is provided, which cutting device (43) is arranged adjacent to  
the application roller (40) and is designed for cutting off the depilating tape (11) in an area of  
5 depilating tape (11), which area of depilating tape (11) has already passed the application  
roller (40).

5. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 2,  
wherein the supply (10) of depilating tape (11) is wound so as to form a supply spool (10)  
10 wound onto a supply reel (12), and  
wherein the blocking means (47) interacts with the supply reel (12).

6. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 5,  
wherein, in addition to the supply reel (12), a wind-up reel (60) is provided, which wind-up  
15 reel (60) is provided and designed for winding up depilating tape (11) that was previously  
adhering to the skin of a person.

7. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 6,  
wherein a motor (69), accommodated in the housing (2), is provided, and  
20 wherein a drive connection (74) is provided between the motor (69) and the  
wind-up reel (60), so that the wind-up reel (60) can be rotatably operated with the aid of the  
motor (69) to wind up depilating tape (11) which was previously adhering to the skin of a  
person.

25 8. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 7,  
wherein an interruptable drive connection (74) is provided as the drive  
connection (74) between the motor and the wind-up reel, and  
wherein means for interrupting the drive connection (74) are provided.

30 9. A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means for  
interrupting the drive connection (74) comprise a hand-operated control button (46), through  
the actuation of which the drive means (74) can be interrupted.